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When speaker apparatus 22 is used as a subwoofer speaker, a low frequency bi-pass circuit is provided that cuts off signals having a frequency greater than about 100-120 hertz. A typical bypass filter is a resistor-capacitor circuit that is tuned to allow signal frequencies of 100-120 hertz or lower to pass to speaker 34. If speaker 34 is to also reproduce higher frequencies, then a higher bypass filter would be required. Typically, in such an instance, the cut off level would be at 200 hertz and above. Thus, the RC circuit would be tuned to pass frequencies at 200 hertz or below for output on speaker 34. It is, of course, understood that the cut off should not be taken as limited to 100 or 200 hertz, but may extend to a higher frequency as desired.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 9, 11, 14, 15, 36-38, 44-46, and 50 have been amended herein. All of the pending claims 9 through 16, 31 through 47, and 49 through 54 are presented, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(c)(1)(i) and 1.121(c)(3), in clean form below. Please enter these claims as amended. Also attached as Appendix B is a marked-up version of the claims amended herein pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

19. (Three Times Amended) A computer system comprising:  
a central processing unit (CPU) box, comprising:

a central processing unit;

a drive bay coupled to said central processing unit;

a speaker apparatus, coupled to said central processing unit and removably mounted towards a front portion of said CPU box, comprising:

a speaker container;

a speaker removably retained within said speaker container;

a speaker port coupled to said speaker container to provide acoustic coupling between said speaker and a region outside said speaker container;

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cont a user input device, coupled to said central processing unit; and  
an output device, coupled to said central processing unit.

10. (Previously Twice Amended) The computer system according to claim 9 wherein said speaker container further comprises:  
a first unit having a speaker retainer; and  
a second unit, substantially similar to said first unit and further having a speaker retainer, said first unit and said second unit mating in such a fashion as to securely retain said speaker within said speaker container.

D5 3 11. (Amended) The computer system according to claim 9 further comprising an acoustic dampening element placed on an interior surface of said speaker container.

12. (Previously Amended) The computer system according to claim 9 wherein said speaker is mounted to face an interior surface of said speaker container.

13. (Previously Amended) The computer system according to claim 9 wherein said speaker container comprises a front wall, a back wall, a top wall, a bottom wall, a side wall, and a second side wall, each wall having the same area.

D6 6 14. (Three Times Amended) The computer system according to claim 9 wherein said speaker port has a length that is  $\frac{4}{5}$  a depth of said speaker container and a diameter that is  $\frac{1}{5}$  a height of said speaker container.

7 15. (Three Times Amended) The computer system according to claim 9 wherein said speaker is mounted behind said speaker port coupled to said speaker container.

16. (Previously Amended) The computer system according to claim 9 further comprising at least one fastener to couple said speaker to said speaker container and said speaker container to said CPU box.

31. (Previously Twice Amended) A computer system comprising:  
a central processing unit (CPU) box configured in a tower configuration, comprising:  
a central processing unit;  
a drive bay coupled to said central processing unit;  
a speaker apparatus, coupled to said central processing unit and removably mounted towards a front, bottom portion of said CPU box, comprising:  
a speaker container;  
a speaker removably retained within said speaker container;  
a speaker port coupled to said speaker container to provide acoustic coupling between said speaker and a region outside said speaker container;  
a user input device, coupled to said central processing unit; and  
an output device, coupled to said central processing unit.

32. (Previously Amended) The computer system according to claim 31 wherein said speaker container further comprises:  
a first unit having a speaker retainer; and  
a second unit, substantially similar to said first unit and further having a speaker retainer, said first unit and said second unit mating in such a fashion as to securely retain said speaker within said speaker container.

33. (Previously Amended) The computer system according to claim 31 further comprising an acoustic dampening element placed on an interior surface of said speaker container.

34. (Previously Amended) The computer system according to claim 31 wherein said speaker is mounted to face an interior surface of said speaker container.

35. (Previously Amended) The computer system according to claim 31 wherein said speaker container comprises a front wall, a back wall, a top wall, a bottom wall, a side wall, and a second side wall, each wall having the same area.

14 36. (Three Times Amended) The computer system according to claim 31 wherein said speaker port has a length that is  $\frac{4}{5}$  a depth of said speaker container and a diameter that is  $\frac{1}{5}$  a height of said speaker container.

15 37. (Three Times Amended) The computer system according to claim 31 wherein said speaker is mounted behind said speaker port coupled to said speaker container.

16 38. (Twice Amended) The computer system according to claim 31 further comprising at least one fastener to couple said speaker to said speaker container and said speaker container to said CPU box.

39. (Previously Twice Amended) A computer system comprising:  
a central processing unit (CPU) box configured in a desktop configuration, comprising:  
a central processing unit;  
a drive bay coupled to said central processing unit;  
a speaker apparatus, coupled to said central processing unit and removably mounted towards a front side portion of said CPU box, comprising:  
a speaker container;  
a speaker removably retained within said speaker container;  
a speaker port coupled to said speaker container to provide acoustic coupling between said speaker and a region outside said speaker container;

a user input device, coupled to said central processing unit; and  
an output device, coupled to said central processing unit.

40. (Previously Amended) The computer system according to claim 39 wherein said speaker container further comprises:

a first unit having a speaker retainer; and

a second unit, substantially similar to said first unit and further having a speaker retainer, said first unit and said second unit mating in such a fashion as to securely retain said speaker within said speaker container.

41. (Previously Amended) The computer system according to claim 39 further comprising an acoustic dampening element placed on an interior surface of said speaker container.

42. (Previously Amended) The computer system according to claim 39 wherein said speaker is mounted to face an interior surface of said speaker container.

43. (Previously Amended) The computer system according to claim 39 wherein said speaker container comprises a front wall, a back wall, a top wall, a bottom wall, a side wall, and a second side wall, each wall having the same area.

22 44. (Three Times Amended) The computer system according to claim 39 wherein said speaker port has a length that is  $\frac{4}{5}$  a depth of said speaker container and a diameter that is  $\frac{1}{4}$  a length of said speaker container.

23 45. (Three Times Amended) The computer system according to claim 39 wherein said speaker is mounted behind said speaker port coupled to said speaker container.

D10 24<sup>17</sup> 46. (Twice Amended) The computer system according to claim 39 further comprising at least one fastener to couple said speaker to said speaker container and said speaker container to said CPU box.

47. (Previously Amended) A method of assembling a computer system comprising:  
providing an enclosure to contain said computer system;  
securedly inserting a motherboard having a central processing unit within said enclosure;  
securedly inserting a speaker module within said enclosure and coupling said speaker module to said motherboard, said speaker module inserting comprising:  
selecting a first half of a speaker enclosure;  
placing a speaker within said first half of said speaker enclosure;  
mating a second half of said speaker enclosure to said first half of said speaker enclosure to form said speaker module; and  
securing said speaker module within said speaker enclosure via a fastener.

49. (Previously Twice Amended) The method of assembling a computer system according to claim 47 wherein said speaker module inserting further comprises:  
placing said speaker module in a lower front portion of said enclosure wherein said enclosure is a tower computer case.

D11 27<sup>25</sup> 50. (Twice Amended) The method of assembling a computer system according to claim 47 wherein said speaker module inserting further comprises:  
placing said speaker module in a front side portion of said enclosure wherein said enclosure is a desktop computer case.

51. (Previously Amended) The method of assembling a computer system according to claim 47 wherein said placing said speaker further comprises orienting said speaker to be downward firing.

**52. (Previously Amended) The method of assembling a computer system according to claim 47 wherein said placing said speaker further comprises orienting said speaker to be forward firing.**

**53. (Previously Twice Amended) The method of assembling a computer system according to claim 47 wherein said placing said speaker further comprises placing a sound dampening element within said speaker module.**

**54. (Previously Amended) The method of assembling a computer system according to claim 47 further comprising placing a port within said speaker module.**